# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4537
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2000
AMENDMENT IN NEC ACT
PATY RIPPLE KYNDIAH

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the NEC Act, 1971;

(b) if so, whether all the decisions adopted by the members of the Council during the 40th NEC meeting at Aizawl have been taken into consideration while amending the present Act; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): The resolutions adopted in the 40th NEC meetingwere considered by the Government and the North Eastern Council amendment Bill, 1998, introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 8.12.98. The details of the Bill are annexed.

ANNEXURE

MAIN FEATURES OF NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1998.

(i) Sikkim will be a member of the Council;

(ii) Governors, who are Constitutional Heads, shall cease to be members of the Council;

(iii) The President shall nominate three members to the Council;

(iv) The Council shall function as a regional planning body for the North-Eastern area and shall have such powers as may be delegated to it by the Central Government;

(v) While formulating regional plans, the Council shall give priority to schemes and projects benefiting two or more States. However, the Council shall formulate and review the implementation of specific projects and schemes for Sikkim.

(vi) No scheme shall be placed before the Council unless it has been recommended by a screening committee consisting of the Secretary of the council as Chairman and the Planning Secretaries of the States of the North Eastern area as members. This provision is intended to ensure that the schemes selected by the Council for implementation have a regional character and reflect the needs of the member States of the Council.